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Caltrans Celebrates the Beginning of a New Bridge

Big Bear – Caltrans is hosting the groundbreaking ceremony today for the start of the Big Bear Bridge project. The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. in Big Bear at the Performing Arts Center.

Caltrans District 8 Director, Dr. Raymond W. Wolfe, will be joined by San Bernardino County Supervisor, Neil Derry, City of Big Bear Lake Mayor, Rick Herrick, Chairman of the Board for the Big Bear Chamber of Commerce, Ken Dally, and the Vice President of the Fawnskin Chamber of Commerce, James P. Dooley. Representatives for Senator Dutton, Senator Ashburn, and Assemblyman Paul Cook will also be present.

The \$39 million project is located at the Big Bear Dam on State Route 18 (SR-18) at State Route 38 (SR-38). Construction is expected to start once weather is favorable. Flatiron Construction, Inc. will begin placing construction signs, restripe the lanes for construction access, then clearing and grubbing. Then the actual work to build the bridge and realign the roadway will start.

Along with a new bridge and roadway realignment, Caltrans will also construct three 12-foot travel lanes (one westbound lane will have a right turn option), 10-foot shoulders, and a 5-foot American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk on one side of the bridge. The intersection of SR-18 and SR-38 will be signalized.

The communities of Big Bear Lake, Big Bear City, and Fawnskin have anxiously awaited this project since the first planning stages in 1986. The department thanks the community and local agencies for their continued support. For future information on the project and to avoid any traffic impacts, please sign up for project alerts at www.caltrans8.info and go to “CT Connect”. Additional updates will be provided as the project progresses.

Slow for the cone zone!

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